

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 12 and 13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 7-11, 15 and 16 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Reconsideration of the application based upon the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action, in paragraph 6, indicates that claims 5, 6, 12 and 13 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants appreciate this indication of allowability, and base the cancellation of claims 1-4, 7-11, 15 and 16 on this indication.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116(b)(1) since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance by canceling the rejected subject matter of claims 1-4, 7-11, 15 and 16. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection and comments in the Advisory Action. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
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